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Speaker Mesnard Releases Statement on Comments by Representative David Stringer

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona Speaker of the House J.D. Mesnard (R-17) today released the following statement in response to comments made by Representative David Stringer (R-1):

"I completely disagree that immigration poses a threat to the United States. We are a nation of immigrants – we have been since before our founding and will continue to be as long as our country remains a beacon of freedom and opportunity around the world. While some find challenge in diversity, I believe that any challenge makes us better for it."

"Ultimately, Representative Stringer's future in the Legislature will be up to him and the voters of District 1. In the meantime, I am dissolving the Ad Hoc Study Committee on Criminal Justice Reform, which Representative Stringer had been chairing. This does not mean that the discussion about criminal justice reform is over, as I know there is strong bipartisan interest to look at the issue, and I thank the members for being willing to serve on this committee. However, so as to avoid compromising the issue, future work will not take place in the form of this committee."

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